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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 1165

ALGIERS FOR ASST SECY ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L. JR.) AG MO TU

SUBJECT: ATHERTON VISIT TO MOROCCO

REF: RABAT 1163

1. AS KING HAS CONVEYED THROUGH MOHAMED BENHIMA HIS DESIRE THAT I ATTEND MARCH 1 WORKING DINNER IN FEZ, I WILL ALSO BE ON HAND AT CASABLANCA AIRPORT TO ACCOMPANY ATHERTON IN THE MYSTERE PROVIDED BY KING TO TAKE THE PARTY TO FEZ. OVERNIGHT IN FEZ CURRENTLY PLANNED.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM BENHIMA THAT THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT KING MIGHT "INSIST" THAT ATHERTON REMAIN FOR MARCH 3 THRONE DAY CEREMONIES. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT SCHEDULE CHANGE MIGHT POSE PROBLEMS, WE WOULD HOPE DEPARTURE PLANS COULD HAVE SOME GIVE IF KING'S INVITATION IS IN FACT ISSUED.
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